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Invention: AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD AND AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS

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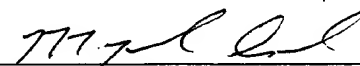
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 12-14, 20, 21, 24-26, 32-33, 36-39, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: